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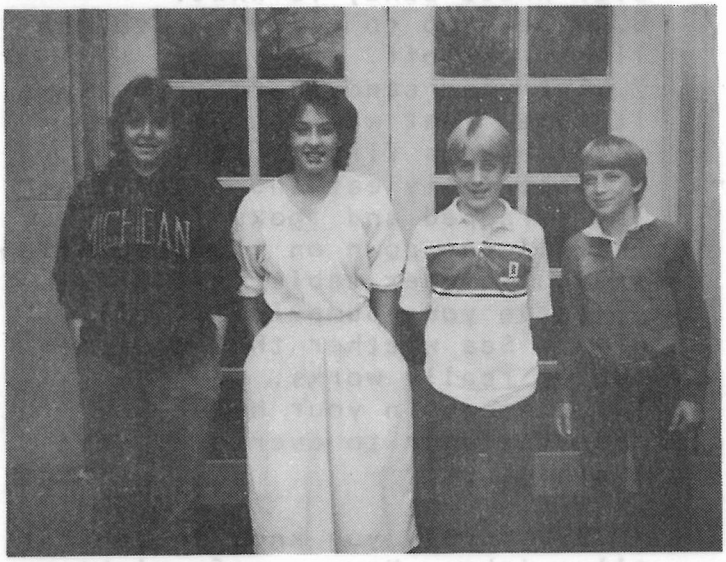


Student Council Officers were elected from a wide field of candidates in an election two weeks ago during the lunch hours.

President for the 1985-6 school year is Andy Lumm, vice-president is Jeff Njus, secretary is Cindy Curtis, treasurer is Kelle Porth. All are 8th graders except for Njus who is a sixth grader.

Homeroom representatives were selected last week. For their names see page six.

Mrs K-Gottwald

Have you wondered who the new teacher in the seventh-eighth grade was? That is Mr. Topp's student teacher, Mrs. Kelly-Gottwald.

She is 22 and is married to Mr. Gottwald; that's why the hypen in her name. Her hobbies are taking care of plants and hoping her husband shares her sailing interests.

Mrs. K-G. worked at Cedar Point in the past summers. She was in a commercial for this fun land. This is also where she met her favorite guy, her husband.

When Mrs.Kelly-Gottwald finishes student teaching with Mr. Topp, she will go to Black River to student teach with Mrs. Topp.

a.m./k.h.

halloween

'Tis Halloween night, there's a bitter breeze,
It sends a chill down to your knees.
A lonely dog howls at a misty moon
While overhead flies a solitary loon.
The moon shines a deep purple blue,
And upon the grass settles a gentle dew.
A rabbit jumps to his hole in one bound.
A single leaf fell behind him to the ground.
The sun comes up and dawn is here,
And the witches' day is gone for another year.

C. Bos

choir

The middle school choir concert will be held November 26.

Soloists for the concert will be Bill McNeil, Jessica Kyriazis, Mary Cooper, and Colleen Bos.

For free!
Old English Sheepdog.
Needs a good country home.
Talk to Jennifer Starbuck
about it or call 657-5826.

Teacher Costumes

Industrious Good Times reporters were asking the teachers what they wanted to be for Halloween.

Mr. Martin would be an "invisible man." Mr. Watterworth would be "a casserole with a pot luck dinner." Mrs. Dobbs would be "Snoopy." Mr. Topp would be "Topp Dog."

Mr. Erickson said he'd be a"pineapple." Mrs. Heneghan would be "a flamingo" or "rich" (or maybe a rich flamingo?) Mr. Edinger would be "Tinker Bell." Mrs. C. Smith would be " an Eskimo."

Mrs. Swanson would be a"petite rhinoceros." Mrs. A. Smith would be "Madonna," as would Mrs. Davidson. Mrs. Mahanty would be a "ghost," while Mrs. Kalisiak would be "an Hawaiian dancer."

Mr. Ruesink would be "Italian." Mrs. Matson would be "Dolly Parton." Mr. Lutz would be "Bartles and Jaymes." (both of them?) Mr. Cassell would be "PeeWee with his bike." Mr. Sang would be "Papa Smurf." Mr. Zolp wuld be a "grasshopper."

halloween

The leaves are falling
The owls are calling
It's Halloween night.

Kids are screaming
Street lights are beaming,
It's Halloween night.

It's been a cold day
Now the trees swing and sway
It's Halloween night.

It's a dark crisp night
It's a freaky sight
It's Halloween.

S. Buhl

TEN TIPS

Ten Tips on Halloween night.
1. Never take flashlights.
2. Always wear dark clothes so no one can see you.
3. Walk in front of passing cars/
4. Never stay together;always wander anout. It's better that way.
5. Wrestle in the middle of street over whose candy is what.
6. Always go to houses where the lights are off.
7. Eat your candy before you take it home. That way you get the razor blades first.
8. Especially eat the candy that is unwrapped and looks suspicious. That'll cut down on the population at your dinner table fast.
9. Leave your pumpkin lit all night. See whether the smoke detector really works.
10. Be alone in your house and open the door to everyone. What the heck.

P.S. Surely you know these are all a joke. Have a safe night.
Hoho

tt/jg

Mrs Matson

Mrs. Matson,the art teacher, was the subject of the interview this issue.

She has no children. If she were to teach another subject it would be English.

Her favorite color is grey. If she had three wishes, she would wish to be a famous artist like Picasso, to look like Dolly Parton amd to marry Don Johnson.

If she weren't an art teacher she might want to be an architect. She loves Chinese food , golf and hot tubbing. She plans to win the l lotto.

She likes art because it's fun and creative having to use your imagination. Her favorite type of art is watercolor. She has taught for thirteen years.

She has a golden retriever named Bert.

mn

AUTUMN

I'm very grateful for autumn. Every year when autumn comes, I go out to the middle of the fifty acres behind our house and sit down. After one hour of soaking up the serene beauty, I go for a colors tour back on the way home. I love autumn for the reds,yellows and the golden browns. Even the weeds turn pale at the trees' beauty. I especially love the nipping cold of the streams and the frosty mornings. I even get pleasure ouf of shorter daylight hours.

If autumn were to disappear, I think I would like to go with it/ I would then always enjoy it year round. The tranquil leaves would always greet me in the morning and always tuck me in at night.

m.forster

boo!

Halloween is a time of year
When you get scared and shed a tear.
Eat all the candy you can
Give some poison to the band.
Get sick and die
Somebody should start to cry.

m.nelson

who am I?

I have an interesting life. I have a twin sister. I am a Barbie doll. She is a jock. I dance, she kicks. I like dancing, gymnastics, cheerleading, softball and basketball. She likes baseball, hockey, basketball and fishing.

I really like her a lot . I enjoy what she does. She enjoys what I do.

B. Houghton- Mr.Lutz'English class

GOOD TIMERS STAFF

Janise Overton, Kymm Herring, Angela Meeker, Michelle Kelly, Colleen Bos, Gina Blacksten, Mary Cooper, Marc Nelson, Jane McGuire, Shannon Buhl, Vicki Allgaier, Tara Twardowski, Julisa Garcia, and Wendy Reinoehl.

meets 4th hour even in room 203.

drop-out

There have been years when people have been dropping out of sc hool. This year may be no exception. What a sad thing to do. A lot of people who drop out will never have jobs and will always have to receive assistance.

Mr. Ruesink says that drop outs "give themselves a handicap." The handicap is that they won't get a good job without a high school diploma. They may also not get into the service. So, don't be a drop out. Stick in there.

R.Stewart, Mr. Ruesink's English

12 or so days

Song to be sung to the tune of"The Twelve Days of Christmas."

On the 1st day of Halloween my true love gave to me.
a partridge in a frying pan.
On the second day of Halloween my true love gave to me two turtle bats...
repeat.
On the third day of Halloween my true love gave to me
Three Italian goblins...
repeat
On the fourth day of Halloween my true love gave to me
Four screaming ghosts. ...
repeat
On the fifth day of Halloween my true love gave to me
Five aluminum skeletons ....
repeat
On the sixth day of Halloween my true love gave to me
Six vultures laying...
repeat
On the seventh day.....
Seven Pterodactyls screeching
repeat.
On the eighth day...
Eight witches spooking
On the ninth day...
Nine minotaurs groaning
On the tenth day...
Ten black Cats a dancing
On the eleventh day...
Eleven brooms a brushing...

student council

Student Council members in clude the following individuals: Kristi Flesher, Dana Flanders, Matt Hughes, Michelle Knapp, Emily Leddick, Bill McNeil, Tony Millek, Jaja Moore, Brian Meyer, Yvette Krause, Kim Haefner, Gina Blacksten, ChrisFrank, Jon Njus, Michelle Osment, Lynn Utter, and Katrina Parmelee.

Alternates are Stacy Kruizenga, John Ridderbo s, Melinda Ogden, Dawn Flanders, Mark Erickson, Jenny Bergeson, Alex Stevens, Jody Hollenbeck, Brett Baney, Nikki Finnerman, Pete Menard, Paul Langone, Shawn Seelbrede, Rob Williams, Tess Sullivan, Matt Forster, Joe Pacula, Kirk Warner, Karen Brennan and Heather Smith.

va/sb

dear sam,

Dear Sam,

I have an ex-friend who wr.ite notes during class. If I tell on her will I be a tattletale? If I do it, she will probably talk about me and act real hot.When she does act hot, she acts like a real jerk. What should I do?

Confused

Dear Con,

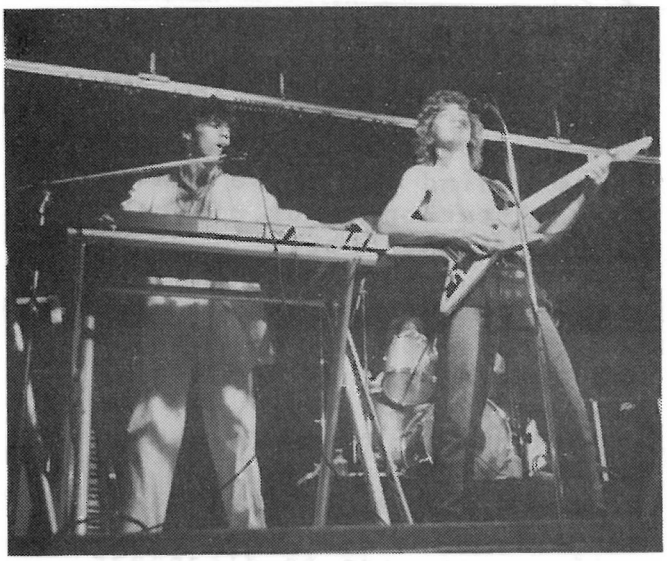
If the notes bother you and you are upset about that, maybe they are writing about you. Dont bother with a friend like that. But if the notes are just annoying you, tell the teacher and secretary. Tell her to watch the person but not to men tion your name. Try this.It might help.

Dear Sam,

My best friend likes a boy I like a lot. We both care for him. We both were going with him last year. She asks me to go ask him to go with her and if he likes her. Instead I'd rather keep it a secret. He calls me a lot and he knows I like him. He says he likes me too. Still he's going with someone in the 6th grade. What if my best friend finds out? Or his girl friend? What will I do? I don't know who to choose.. him or my best friend.

Heartbroken

Halloween



rock concert

Dear Heart,

If this boys calls you so much and says he likes you, why is he going with someone else? Maybe you should ask him why. If you can talk to him, start there. Then, alsways figure that a best friend is hard to find. If it comes to down to choosing, which it really doesnt seem to have done, boy friends come and go. Keep that in mind.

Dear Sam,

What of ypu liked a boy but he does not like you. What would you do?

anonymous

Dear An,

Well, does he know you real well? Be nice to him, lend him a pencil, say hi to him in the hall when you pass, just be friendly. If he doesn't respond then find someone else. He's certainly wasn't the guy for you. Most of all, have faith in yourself.

Dear Sam,

I I like a boy and someone else is going with him, what should I do? ??

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DEAR SAM

Dear Sam,

Our friends have been jerks but we still like them a little. Should we still be friends with them? What should we do?

Confused

Dear Con,

If they are jerks, then why do you still like them? It's up to you if you want to be friends with them but you should have a talk with them and tell them how you feel about it. Or, if you don't want to talk to them show them how you feel.

Dear Sam,

If I like a boy and someone else is going with him, what should I do?

From ?

Dear ?,

Does this boy know you like him? Are you friends with him? Try to be nice to him. Simply start a conversation. Write friendly notes. I can't say much although I know how you feel. I've been in that spot.

S.

Birthday Wisher

Happy birthdays to the November and December people...

Julie Buck- Nov. 5
Nikki Curtis - Nov. 12
Cherie Dingman- Nov. 4
Jeff Dragon- Nov. 9
Melody Emery- Nov. 1
Steve Figg- Nov. 3
Shaun Kubiszak Nov. 29
Janise Overton- Nov.16
Kelle Porth - Nov. 26
John Roberts- Nov. 19
Shannon McCoy- Nov. 5
Greg Woodhams- Dec. 1
William Pruitt- Dec. 3
Kymm Herring- Dec. 5
Dewey Terry- Dec. 6
Nic Grochowski- Dec. 6
Becky Underwood- Dec. 7
Lonny Boley- Dec. 12
Mr. Zolp - Dec.
Jean Hunt- Dec. 16

Robin Kidd- 12-16

Birthdays continued

Tim Douglas- Dec. 18
Christy Olsen- Dec. 19
Rosa Varnesdeel- Dec. 20
Brett Henson- Dec. 21
Nathan Labadie- Dec. 21
Annegret Peters- Dec. 30
Michelle Kelley- Dec. 31
Kelli Carpenter- Dec. 5

Fall

It sneaked up on me before I knew it.
Summer just passed me by.
I gambled on all my days thinking it couldn't possibly get that cold
That each day would be warmer than the next.
The opposite happened.

Bright-colored leaves everywhere
The blowing wind stings my cheeks and chaps my hands.
Grey skies, drafts waiting to be let in
And leaves ready to be raked.
Children and adults in strange costumes are sure signs.
It's at least October.

The same thing will probably happen to me the next season.
Gamble a day and a few here and there.
Nature will get me used to the weather,
Then slowly butsurely go down on me
Before I know it, it's winter.

c. reed

Tonight's The Night

Halloween is the night evil spirits cross the barren land of death on fiery chariots to receive tribute from the living. It is the night things from the bottom of swampy depths come to smell the rotting air of the swamp. It is the night dead men fulfil their mortal dreams and are remembered with fear.

Halloween is the night children with greedy little eyes waddle out of their houses. With bag in hand and candy in mind, they migrate

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from house to house. Halloween is the night mothers have fits worrying over their children's welfare .

Halloween is a commercial expedition to trap the younger generation into buying expensive disguises. It is the night shopkeepers laugh at childish naivete and count their money.

m. forster

Pencils and Types...

You can generally tell a person's disposition and such by the type of pencil he or she uses. There's the short stubby pencil user, the long pencil with no eraser, the cute-designed pencil that smells good, the long number 2 pencil and of course, mechanical pencil users.

Short stubby pencil users are pretty much that way themselve s. There are exceptions. They like to chew on things, especially the pencil. It's disgusting. These people write furiously with their fists tightly clenched around the pencil and their tongues hanging out. Their shoes are always untied.

People who use long pencils without erasers obviously like to erase. They ususally have a brother or sister in first grade. (They like to erase too.) These people are constantly asking their parents for money to buy those fake erasers that you slip over the top ofthe pencil. They also turn in homework papers with holes in them.

Pencils that smell good and have cute designs on them are mostly girls'. These girls collect stickers and stuffed animals. They have rooms with pink canopy bdes and lace curtains. They wear dresses with lots of ruffles and sashes to school every day and their favorite pair of shoes are Mary Janes.

Long number 2 pencil users wear three piece suits to school. They have at least four or five pairs of patent leather shoes. They part their hair down the middle and generously pour on the baby oil. They have delicate handwriting and on the whole, get good grades. These people never sharpen their pencils because they write so lightly and they usually use their blue fountain pens. It's pitiful.

Mechanical pencil users are found in all places. They are high strung and like to poke people with their super-sharp leads. The erasers are always wearing down and the super-sharp leads have a very strong tendency to snap and break at the most inconvenient times. You will, however, find that these people are extremely attached to their pencils. Some wear them tied around their necks. About half the members of this category are very lazy, partly due to the fact that they never get up to sharpen their pencils. (That goes for long number 2 pencil users too.)

There you have it folks. The five basic types of pencil users. If I had even attempted to list all the in-between categories and sub-sections of these groups you would hate me forever. We wouldn't want that now, would we?

l. morrison

DANCE TOMORROW

Don't miss the all school dance tomorrow night in the middle school gym. Music will be provided by Erik and Mark Hindenach's group.

The charge for admission is $2.00 at school today and tomorrow and $2.50 at the door.

Chaperones will be Ms. Swanson and Mrs. Kalisiak.

CANDY CHOICES

What is your favorite candy? That was the topic of this month's opinion poll.

Rob Heinzelmann likes "Skittles because of the fruit flavors." Tracy Teeter 'a favorite is "Snickers." Jennifer Starbuck loves " Nerds because of all the flavors."

Heath Beckstrom's favorite is of course "Heath bars. What else?" Jennifer Sommerfelt likes " m & m's because of all the chocolate."

Nathan Bedecs likes "m & m's because they are round and don't melt." Mike Cox's favorite is "Powerhouse cause it says a lot about him !"

Miles Blakley likes " Butterfinger because it's good." Mandy Leonard likes "Milky Way. It's it." Patti Sult likes "Snickers because of the carmel and chocolate."

Sheletha Manuel likes "Wispa." Chris Date likes "candy corn be cause 'you are what you eat.'" Chris Brill is a "Hershey Big Blocks "person. Need we say more? Cherie Oliver likes "Kit Kat." Julie Buck likes "gum. She's says it's funny ." Shannon McCoy likes "chocolate because it's good."

David Hansen likes "Snickers because I eat em good." (Huh?) Rob Williams likes "licorice." Don Fallen likes all "Candy."

Edna Tovias likes "m & m's because of all the chocolate" as does Jason Coffman. Marc Nelson likes "nothing because they all rot your teeth."

Mike Bommerscheim's favorite is "candy apples." Asia Carothers likes "butterscotch." Cory Cameron lieks " jelly beans." Tanya Johnson likes "candy pumpkins." Sara Labadie's favorite is gummy bears."

Don Finley 's favorite is "Mr. T. candy." Jill Doornhaag's favorite is "Snickers." Lynn Mutter's favorite is"Reese's peanut butter cups." Heather Smith's favorite is "Chocolate pay days."

Becky Burge likes "Nerds. They remind me o f my favorite Nerd, Tessa." Andrea Dillon 's favorite was "gummy worms. They are jellyish adn good-tasting."

Lisa Carpenter believes "Peppermint patties make your teet h whiter." Doug Brucher thinks" Three Musketeers are great because they are fluffy." Julli Foust likes "jolly ranchers that stick to the roof of your mouth."

Jenny Bergeson likes "Sweet and sour suckers because they're totally weird."

Costumes - Who'd You Be?

Another question the pollers asked was what would you be for Halloween?

Laura Morrison would be "Charlie Chaplin." Jenny Lee would be"Puggy." (?) Nikki Curtis would be a "Bunch of Grapes."

Don Finley would be "Mr. T." Cindy Curtis would be a "Cat." Matt Forster would be "Voltron." Kelli Carpenter would be is a "Toy 'R'Us Kid."

Terry Reisterer would be "A punk-Madonna." So would Kristyn Rockwell." Matt Szotek would be "a killer," while Melissa Ogden would be a "belly dancer." Shelly Winkelman would be a "Cheerleader."

Geasa Leslie would be a "witch and her cat is going to be her black witch cat." Lori Shireman would wants to be a "belly dancer."

Matt Hughes wants to be am "old woman." Sergio Soto wants to be a "Mexican Rambo." Annegret Peters wants to be a clown "Because they're funny."

David Quick and Chris Collier want to be "President Roosevelt because he was a cool dude." Jason Coffman wants to be a flasher "to flash people."

Jeff Stevens wants to be a monster "from the future because they're from the future." Becky Underwood wants to be "Playboy bunny because they're sick of all the dippey costumes."

Dan Fuller wants to be the "Ku Klux Klan because they're cool and bad." Tanya Beeman wants to be a pumpkin" Because you don't see many of them."

Mike Makowski wants to eb a "punker because he looks like one." Billie Jo Kerr will be a "punk rocker cause it'sthe coolest." Heath Beckstrom wants to be "Dr. Bourdette and slice bags not throats." Sam Barker wants to be a "Nerd." "It'd be stupid and funny."

Tess Sullivan wants to be a pumpkin because I'm full of seeds."